

TUESDAY, January 10, 1854.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

Journal of yesterday read and adopted.

Mr. McDade presented the petition of sundry citizens of the town of Independence, in Washington county, asking for relief; referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Kyle introduced a joint resolution for the relief of Williams & McKinney; read first time, and on motion of Mr. Kyle, rule suspended, read second time and referred to the committee on Public Debt.

Mr. McDade introduced a bill to authorize the Clerk of the District Court of Washington county to transcribe certain records therein named; read first time, and on motion of Mr. McDade, rule suspended, read second time and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Kyle introduced a bill for the relief of the creditors of the late Republic of Texas; read first time.

Mr. Hart introduced a bill supplementary to an act to establish the Galveston, Houston and Henderson Railroad company; read first time, and on motion of Mr. Hart, rule suspended, and read second time.

Mr. Scott moved its reference to the committee on the Judiciary; lost.

On motion of Mr. Hart, the second section was amended by adding after the word "Railway," the words, "East of the Trinity River."

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Hart, the rule was further suspended, bill read third time, and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Allen, Bryan, Burks, Doane, Durst, Edwards, Gage, Guinn, Hart, Hill, Holland, Jowers, Keenan, Kyle, Martin, McAnely, McDade, Millican, Newman, Paschal, Potter, Scarborough, Sublett, Superviele, Weatherford, Whitaker and Wren—27.

NAYS—Messrs. Armstrong, Lott, Scott and Taylor—4.

Mr. Sublett offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the Senate, that the ladies of the Austin City Presbyterian Church have permission to use the Senate chamber of the Old Capitol, this evening, for the purpose of giving a supper to raise funds to enable them to complete the building of the said church. Adopted.

Mr. Hill introduced a bill supplementary to an act concerning the archives of the Legislature, approved February 16th, 1852;

read first time, and on motion of *Mr. Hill*, rule suspended, read second time, and referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Hill introduced a bill for the relief of Hamilton Ledbetter; read first time.

Mr. Weatherford introduced a bill to authorise James B. Shaw, Comptroller, to sell the Old State House; read first time.

Mr. Armstrong introduced a bill relating to certain applications and surveys made in the *Milam* and *Bexar* Land Districts; read first time.

Mr. Potter introduced a bill to incorporate the Trinity River and Galveston Bay Dredging Company; read first time, and on motion of *Mr. Potter*, rule suspended, read second time, and referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate that the House had passed a bill originating in that body, to correct the name of a grant confirmed by the State of Texas to Yrengo Gomez by a wrong name.

Mr. McAnelly moved a suspension of the rule in order to take up the House's bill to encourage the building of steam-boats, steam-ships and other vessels in the State of Texas; lost.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to encourage the construction of railroads, by a loan of the school fund, together with the substitute therefor offered by *Mr. Jowers*, being under consideration when the Senate adjourned on yesterday, taken up.

Mr. Jowers, by leave, withdrew his substitute.

Mr. Bryan offered the following as a substitute for the bill and amendments:

A bill to provide for the investment of \$2,500,000 of the special school fund in the bonds of railroad companies. Adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Allen, Bryan, Edwards, Gage, Hart, Hill, Jowers, Keenan, Lott, McDade, Millican, Newman, Paschal, Scott, Sublett, Superviele and Weatherford—17.

NAYS—Messrs. Armstrong, Burks, Guinn, Holland, Kyle, Martin, McAnelly, Potter, Scarborough, Taylor, Whitaker and Wren—12.

Mr. Weatherford offered the following amendment to the bill:

In the 3d section and 13th line, after the word "business," insert: "Together with all the lands that said companies may obtain from the State, by virtue of the several acts to encourage the construction of railroads in Texas by donations of land;

provided the lien upon the land shall be void so soon as one hundred miles of their road shall be completed.

On motion of *Mr. Potter*, the Senate adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment—roll called—quorum present.

Mr. Bryan, chairman of the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as correctly engrossed, a bill supplementary to an act to establish the Galveston, Houston and Henderson Railroad company.

Mr. Weatherford's amendment to a bill to provide for the investment of \$2,500,000 of the special school fund in the bonds of railroad companies, being under consideration when the Senate adjourned, taken up.

Mr. Gage moved to lay said amendment on the table.

On motion of *Mr. Taylor*, there was a call of the House, and the Sergeant-at-Arms dispatched for absentees.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate that the House had passed a bill originating in the Senate, supplementary to an act to establish the Galveston, Houston and Henderson Railroad company.

The Senate concurred in the House's amendments to the Senate's bill, relinquishing to the counties the State tax for the years 1854 and 1855, by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Armstrong, Doane, Durst, Gage, Guinn, Holland, Jowers, Lott, Martin, McDade, Newman, Scarborough, Scott, Taylor, Weatherford and Wren—16.

NAYS—Messrs. Allen, Bryan, Edwards, Hart, Hill, Keenan, Kyle, Millican, Paschal, Pedigo, Potter, Sublett, Superviele and Whitaker—14.

On motion of *Mr. Gage*, bills on their second reading were taken up.

A bill for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Robert W. Smith, deceased; read second time, and on motion of *Mr. Gage*, referred to the committee on Public Lands.

A bill for the relief of Haden H. Edwards; read second time, and on motion of *Mr. Gage*, referred to the same committee.

A bill for mining purposes; read second time, and on motion of *Mr. Taylor*, referred to the committee on State Affairs.

A bill to incorporate the Ursuline Convent and Female Academy of San Antonio de Bexar; read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill to relinquish to the actual settlers thereon the right of the State thereto within the county of Nacogdoches; read second time, and on motion of *Mr. Keenan*, referred to the committee on Public Lands.

A bill to incorporate Palestine Encampment, No. 3; read second time, and on motion of *Mr. Keenan*, referred to the committee on State Affairs.

A bill to amend an act to incorporate the Colorado Valley Railroad company; read second time.

Mr. Bryan offered a substitute therefor.

Adopted, and bill ordered to be engrossed.

Resolution of the Senate, that no new business shall be entertained by the Senate, unless by a vote of two-thirds, from and after the 15th January inst.; read, and on motion of *Mr. Jowers*, referred to the committee on Public Lands.

On motion of *Mr. Potter*, said committee were instructed to report in the morning.

A bill for the relief of *Mary Laseter*; read third time and passed.

Joint resolution instructing our Senators and Representatives in Congress in relation to custom houses and marine hospitals in Texas; read third time and passed.

On motion of *Mr. Hart*, a bill making an appropriation for the payment of the second class debt, (B,) of public debt of the late Republic of Texas, was taken up; read and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of *Mr. Hart*, the rule was suspended, bill read third time and passed.

On motion of *Mr. Jowers*, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, January 11, 1854.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment—prayer by Chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

Journal of yesterday read and adopted.

Mr. Keenan presented the petition of *Jacob H. Shepley* for relief; referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Holland, chairman of the committee on Education, to whom was referred a bill to incorporate *Milam Masonic Institute*, reported the same back and recommended its passage.

Mr. Taylor, chairman of the committee on Public Debt, made the following report: